

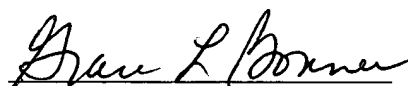
REMARKS

In the Office Action of June 3, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for containing subject matter not sufficiently described in the specification. Applicants have cancelled Claim 23 and amended Claim 25 to overcome its rejection. Claim 25 is now limited to the use of three specific sequences, which the Examiner had indicated would be allowable.

The Examiner also objected to Claims 24 and 26. Claim 26 is now cancelled because its limitations are now incorporated into amended Claim 25. Claim 24 is now amended so as to be independent, which the Examiner had indicated would make it allowable.

Having made the present amendments and cancelled two claims, Applicants believe the remaining two claims are allowable and respectfully request same.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Grace L. Bonner", is written over a horizontal line.

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